



State of California – The Resources Agency  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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**PROJECT TITLE:** Sorrento Valley Double Track Mitigation - Flintkote Avenue (13/14-SD-12)  
**LOCATION:** Torrey Pines SNR **COUNTY:** San Diego

### DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

Realign a section of Flintkote Avenue to the west, out of the flood plain to avoid water damage in Torrey Pines State Natural Reserve. Remove existing road; grade to expand the existing wetland, to protect park resources. Work will avoid bird breeding season. An archaeological monitor and Native American monitor will be present during ground excavation.

**PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT:** California Department of Parks and Recreation  
**NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT:** San Diego Coast

### EXEMPT STATUS:

- ☐ Declared Emergency (Section 15269(a))  
☐ Emergency Project (Section 15269(b) and (c))  
☐ Statutory Exemption  
☒ Categorical Exemption

Class: 1, 4 Section(s): 15301, 15304

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** No potential for significant impact to the environment is anticipated in compliance with CEQA §15300.2. If the project is implemented as indicated within the project description including conditions provided by CDPR specialists, then it is exempt under CEQA §15301 – Existing Facilities, §15304 - Minor Alterations to Land, and §15333 – Small Habitat Restoration Projects ( $\leq 5$  acres). The action falls under the Departmental List of Exempt activities according to CEQA §15300.4 as:

- "Trail or road repairs" (Class 1, Section 15301);
- "Grading on land with a slope of less than 10 percent", "Resource management projects" and "Stewardship projects" (Class 4, Section 15304); and
- "Revegetation of disturbed areas with native plant species" and "Wetland restoration" (Class 33(d), Section 15333)

The project does not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees (Class 4).

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